

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 3rd day of March 2015, the Amarillo City Council met at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items, and consideration of future agenda items.

The City Council met at 5:30 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN
BRIAN EADES
LILIA ESCAJEDA
RONALD BOYD

MAYOR
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 1
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 2
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 3
COUNCILMEMBER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON
VICKI COVEY
MARCUS NORRIS
KELLEY SHAW
FRANCES HIBBS

CITY MANAGER
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
PLANNING DIRECTOR
CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Mark Love, Central Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harpole established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of February 24, 2015. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd; motion was seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amends the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 4-6, Articles I and II to make comprehensive revisions to the platting and development procedures and regulations. This ordinance revises the City's development review process to address subdivision plans, construction plans, and final plats to enhance the process yielding increased predictability, transparency and consistency. Dustin Davis, 18301 South Western Street, stated he was pleased to see the ordinance but reiterated that the funds need to be available for projects at the appropriate times. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7507

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4-6, ARTICLES I AND II, TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO THE PLATTING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 4-10, Article V, Division 5 Adding Sections 4-10-226 to 4-10-229 to add site plan procedures and regulations. This ordinance revises the City's development review process to address site plans as a component of the effort to enhance the process

yielding increased predictability, transparency and consistency.

John Ingerson, 4706 Southwest 36th Avenue, stated he supported these ordinances but asked the Council to consider the unintended consequences. He stated the costs for new construction was not as much as for existing homes and upgrading an older home costs more to bring it up to the new codes. Mr. Atkinson replied that over the years various agencies and programs have gone away. He did offer two possible agencies that may be able to help such as Community Development and the owner-occupied agency that may still have funding available. Mayor Harpole stated that the CDBG funds have been cut 40% over the last several years.

Gary Ward, 6604 Hemlock Place, stated the codes have evolved with demand and safety concerns. The changes have been tremendous and Building Safety works hand-in-hand with homeowners, suppliers, and contractors to work smooth. Scott McDonald stated Mr. Ward serves as chair on the Construction Advisory Appeals Board. Mr. Ward stated there was support from contractors, architects, contractors, inspectors, roofers, swimming pool, electricity, gas, cooling and heating associations. Councilmember Green stated there was a large amount of work put into reviewing these new codes. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7508

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 4-10, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 5, ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-226 TO 4-10-229 TO PROVIDE FOR SITE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Residential Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7509

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE III, SECTION 4-3-31 BY REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, MOVEMENT, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, REPAIR, EQUIPMENT, LOCATION, REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF DETACHED ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTIPLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS (TOWNHOUSES) NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT WITH SEPARATE MEANS OF EGRESS IN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to adopt the 2015 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following

captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4-3-41 REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE* AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE*, WITH AMENDMENTS, REGULATING AND GOVERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPES AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT MECHANICAL, LIGHTING AND POWER SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 6: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Mechanical Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7511

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4-3-21 TO REPEAL THE 2012 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE* AND ADOPT THE 2015 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 7: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7512

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE V TO REPEAL THE 2012 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE* AND TO ADOPT THE 2015 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE* REGULATING AND GOVERNING FUEL GAS SYSTEMS AND GAS-FIRED APPLIANCES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER;

PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW;
PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION
AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd;
voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 8: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Existing Building Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4-3-60 BY REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE*, WITH AMENDMENTS AS SHOWN, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE REPAIR, ALTERATION, CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY, ADDITION AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, INCLUDING HISTORIC BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd;
voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 9: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-4, Electricity, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2014 National Electrical Code. This code is the most current national standard for all electrical installations. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7514

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-4, REPEALING THE 2011 EDITION OF THE *NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE* AND ADOPTING THE 2014 EDITION OF THE *NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE*; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd;
voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 10: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-5, Plumbing, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Plumbing Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7515

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-5, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4-5-21 BY REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE* AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF SUCH CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION,

RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 11: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-5, of the Amarillo Municipal Code by adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades, seconded by Councilmember Green, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7516

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-5, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4-5-22 BY REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION OF *THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE* AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF *THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, QUALITY OF MATERIALS, ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LOCATION, RELOCATION, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO, USE OR MAINTENANCE OF SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 12: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending Chapter 4-3, General Building and Construction Standards, of the Amarillo Municipal Code to adopt the 2015 Edition of the International Building Code. The Building Code is the primary standard for the construction of multi-family housing and commercial buildings in Amarillo. Motion was made by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7517

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, CHAPTER 4-3, ARTICLE I, SECTION 4-3-1 BY REPEALING THE 2012 EDITION OF *THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE* AND ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF *THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE*, WITH AMENDMENTS REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; BY PROVIDING THE STANDARDS FOR SUPPLIED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES AND OTHER PHYSICAL THINGS AND CONDITIONS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR OCCUPATION AND USE; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES, AND RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 13: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 8-4, Articles I and II and Chapter 16-3, Article V, to comply with recent Texas law, that moves to a "one sticker" system for motor vehicle registration/safety inspection. This necessitates minor wording changes to several sections of our Municipal Code to match the state vehicle registration and inspection laws. Mary Wright, 4712 Eagle Lane, stated her inspection sticker and registration were due at different times. Mayor Harpole referred her to the state's website: <http://twostepsonesticker.com/government>. Motion was made by Councilmember Boyd, seconded by Councilmember Escajeda, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7518

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 8-4, ARTICLES I & II, SECTIONS 8-4-2- AND 8-4-21; CHAPTER 16-3, ARTICLE V, DIVISION I, SECTION 16-3-179, TO COMPLY WITH CHANGE TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION STICKER PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 14: Mayor Harpole presented an item to approve an Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) project for Food Safety Net Services. Food Safety Net Services operates a network of ISO-accredited laboratories that provides microbiological and chemical analyses of food, beverages, pharmaceuticals and environmental samples in addition to other services. This company was founded in 1994 and presently has 8 locations across the United States. This project is to support the establishment of a laboratory in Amarillo. Under the terms of the agreement, Food Safety Net Services will purchase an approximately 38,000 square foot building and invest approximately \$500,000 in new improvements. The AEDC grant in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 will support the addition of up to 20 new jobs at the facility, with most requiring at least a bachelor's degree. The Food Safety Net Services laboratory in Amarillo will support existing and future regional and local businesses. This project is recommended for approval by a 5:0 vote of the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Buzz David, AEDC Director, stated this project does have a good impact for the City, and it would improve an older building. Brian Jennings, AEDC, stated Food Safety Net Services, improves safety food services for national network of ISO accredited laboratories including: microbiological testing, research consulting, chemistry services and audits. The project purchases a 38,000 square feet building at 329 North Nelson Street. Mr. David stated the deal is not yet complete and they have not made a final decision. Councilmember Escajeda replied this project would revitalize a north Amarillo facility. Mr. Jennings also stated that Food Safety Net Services preferred to own their building. Bill Wright, 4712 Eagle Lane, advocate for medical marijuana stated he would like to use this facility for medical marijuana, and he received no feedback on his prior request. Motion was made by Councilmember Escajeda, seconded by Councilmember Eades, that this Amarillo Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) project for Food Safety Net Services be approved.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Councilmembers Green, Eades, Escajeda and Boyd; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Council.

ITEM 15: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. There were none. Mr. Atkinson explained that Item C was for construction at Martin Road Park which collects drainage from a large area. FEMA maps have changed over the years and many homes and businesses are now in the floodplain. This project will excavate 400,000 yards of material, reduce the floodplain area, and improvements will be made to the headwalls and banks. Mr. Atkinson stated Item G was the purchase of a boring machine to assist with line replacements in older neighborhoods and the ability to tunnel pipeline

underneath road and sidewalks without having to do an open cut ditch. Motion was made by Councilmember Eades to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Green, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Award – Tire Supply Agreement:

Award to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

Hathaway Industries – Lines 1-8, 11-13, 15 18 21 22	\$259,694.26
A to Z Tire & Battery, Inc – Lines 9,16,17,19	129,110.00
Autco Tire & Service Center Inc. – Lines 10, 14, 23	<u>84,446.40</u>
Total Award	\$473,250.66

This item approves the award of multiple annual contracts for tires stocked by the City Warehouse. The items include the tires most commonly needed throughout the year for City cars, light trucks, and heavy trucks. Quantities of each tire are held in stock for immediate availability and are restocked as needed throughout the year. This bid represents a 9.4% decrease from last year. Funding is available in the approved Municipal Garage inventory budget.

B. Award – Landfill Environmental Services Contracts:

Award to HDR Engineering, Inc.

Groundwater, methane gas and well sampling:	\$47,600
Tier 2 Reporting:	\$42,250
Total:	\$89,850

This item awards two contracts for to perform various required environmental monitoring and reporting services at the Amarillo landfill. Various state and federal environmental regulations require ongoing groundwater and methane gas monitoring throughout the landfill. Additional requirements include a five-year test and report that is used as a benchmark to determine when or if an active gas collection system must be installed. The two proposed contracts include the above described services and will ensure the City remains in compliance at the landfill. Funding for both contracts is included in the FY 2014/15 Solid Waste Improvement Fund.

C. Award – Martin Road Lake Drainage Improvements:

Award to low responsive bidder – D.E. Rice Construction Company, Inc. -- \$4,000,330.25

This item awards a contract to perform a major construction project at the existing Martin Road Lake. This lake captures runoff water from a large area and adjacent properties are now in the floodplain. This project will remove approximately 407,000 cubic yards of material from the lake, thus lowering the floodplain elevation. Headwall, drainage flumes and other items will be installed as well. Funding for this project is from the approved Drainage Utility Capital Improvement Program.

D. Purchase – Police Department Taser Equipment:

Award to proprietary vendor: Taser International, Inc. -- \$72,002.00

This item is purchases new and replacement Taser units and related items for the Amarillo Police Department. The proposed purchase consists of fifty (50) Tasers and the necessary holsters, cartridges and batteries. The cost of Taser equipment has increased 3% since the last purchase in June 2014. Funding for this purchase is available in the approved Police Department Quartermaster Inventory budget.

- E. Purchase – Downtown Lighting Supplies:
Award to Techline Inc. -- \$448,775.50

This item approves the purchase of decorative downtown pedestrian LED light fixtures, banner arms, and poles to replenish the warehouse stock. The pedestrian lights will be used in the City's streetscape projects and sold to downtown property owners or developers undertaking private improvements. Funding for the purchase is available from the Warehouse Inventory account and will be reimbursed as the lights are sold.

- F. Purchase – Container Carrier Truck:
BuyBoard Purchase: Freightliner of Austin – \$84,958.00

This item approves the purchase of a Container Carrier Truck for the Solid Waste Department from the Buyboard Contact. This is a budgeted replacement for a 2005 container carrier that has exceeded its useful life. Funding for this purchase is available from the Municipal Garage Rolling Stock Fund.

- G. Purchase – Horizontal Directional Drilling System:
BuyBoard Purchase: Vermeer Texas-Louisiana -- \$292,591.15

This item approves a Buyboard purchase of new equipment for horizontal directional drilling. The equipment will allow the Water Distribution Department to repair and install utility lines under roadways, walkways or other obstacles. The average contract cost for horizontal drilling is \$50 per foot. Funding for this purchase was approved in the FY 2014-15 Capital Improvement Project for the Utilities Department.


Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services not on today's agenda. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Council can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda.

Walter Wolfram, 6407 Hampton Drive, candidate for Place 4, stated he would like to see the baseball park placed on the May ballot. Steve Pair, 1930 South Harrison Street, with the Plemons-Eakle Neighborhood Association, stated the Association was looking for partners to put a park at 16th and Tyler Street. He further stated the Association was needing funds for the improvements to the land, and stated it would be beneficial to all residents and an addition to the park system.

Shane Cox, 3630 Brennan, member of Amarillo Cannabis Culture, stated 10 members were working on petition with the support of five businesses to obtain 20,000 signatures. Two of their members are registering people to vote. He asked the City to stop arresting people for small amounts of marijuana or they would seek new people the next election. Connor McLean, #10 Cambridge Road, stated cannabis is not as bad as it has been made out to be. He stated the main problem was the black market and it was not worth going to jail or receiving probation for less than an ounce. There were no further comments.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned and the Council would return to Closed Session.

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary



Paul Harpole, Mayor